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The Atayals know nothing about fields of knowledge which are somehow connected in thought, or have some sort of a slight connection. They have not yet progressed to the point of having written characters, or even to the point of having definite marks. ... Even a rudimentary knowledge of astronomy... is foreign to the Atayals. They know nothing about the moon and its phases, and they have no names for constellations... The only celestial phenomenon that they are acquainted with and have spun fancies about is the rainbow. They think it is a bridge which connects the island with the mainland for their dead. ...

39: Wiedfeldt--16 [2] F-3 (1913) 1917 Formosan Aborigines
116, 153, 811, 177.65 Atayal
636.65 Japanese

The capacity of the Atayals to grasp something that has been told them is also limited. If one attempts to tell them something through the medium of an interpreter, one runs up against a complete lack of comprehension, even if it is only a question of their forming a new concept out of elements already known to them. They do not even have an idea of the power of the Japanese, of which they should have been clearly conscious in view of the bloody battles that they have had with them. In order to make them aware of this, and to scare them off from making further attacks, the Japanese have very cleverly taken a number of highly respected Atayals to Tokyo every year at the expense of the state, so that they could get an idea there by what they themselves could see of the power and the resources of Japan, and could then tell the members of their tribe. The sum total of all this is that the Atayals do not completely lack imagination...but it has been employed only in a few fields, and has not been very productive even in these...